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Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT: The Security, Use and Dissemination of Communications Intelligence (COMINT) (U)

- References:**
- (a) National Security Council Intelligence Directive (NSCID) No. 1, dated 4 March 1964.
 - (b) National Security Council Intelligence Directive (NSCID) No. 6, dated 15 September 1958.
 - (c) Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) No. 6/3, dated 29 December 1959.
 - (d) Department of Defense Directive S-5100.20, "The National Security Agency."
 - (e) Department of Defense Directive S-3115.4, "Communications Intelligence (COMINT)."

I. PURPOSE

This directive is issued for the purpose of establishing Department of Defense (DoD) policy and guidance concerning the implementation of United States Intelligence Board (USIB) policy and procedures for the security, use, and dissemination of communications intelligence (COMINT), including the applicable provisions of references (b) and (c).

II. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

The provisions of this Directive apply to all DoD components and such components of other departments and agencies of the government where an agreement exists for a DoD component to provide COMINT support.

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C. The Director, National Security Agency (NSA), shall:

1. Establish and administer the COMINT security program for his Agency and for such other activities as may receive COMINT support from his Agency by special agreement.
2. Establish and administer the COMINT security program directed by reference (b) wherein the specific responsibilities of the Director of NSA include, within NSA's field of authorized operations, prescribing requisite security regulations covering operating practices, including the transmission, handling and distribution of COMINT material within and among the COMINT elements under his operational or technical control; and exercising the necessary monitoring and supervisory control, including inspections if necessary, to ensure compliance with the regulations.
3. Advise the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Deputy Director, Defense Research and Engineering) on the effectiveness of the plans and programs, under his cognizance, for the security, use and dissemination of COMINT. This will include a review, at least annually, to ensure that these COMINT security programs are developed and implemented to meet both current and long-range requirements.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. All existing directives, regulations, manuals, letters, bulletins, circulars, or memoranda which stipulate policies or procedures in conflict with the provisions of this directive or the DoD instructions and manuals issued under Section III. B. 1. b. (2) above, will be revised or amended. Two copies of such revisions will be forwarded to the Director, DIA, within 90 days.
- B. This directive is effective upon publication.

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